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<TEXT>I am concerned about the move to place a flat fee tax on the use of pre-paid service on cell phones. I bought a cell phone for the express purpose of having it for emergencies. I have a limited income and find the cost for the pre-paid phone about all I can afford. A tax would penalize me for wanting an emergency phone when desperately needed. I live in a rural area and am 79 years of age. When it is necessary to be out on the road I would be helpless miles from assistance. Gone are the days when I could walk for help.

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely yours,

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